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TEXTS OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN DRV AND SYG.
A. CABLE DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1973 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 16 NOVEMBER 1973, IN WHICH YOU
KINDLY INVITED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-
NAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE
LAW OF THE SEA. I FEEL OBLIGEDN HOWEVER, TO DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING. UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON
VIET-NAM, THERE ARE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM,
I. E. TWO ZONES OF CONTROL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL POINT
OF VIEW. THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VEIT-NAME IS A SIGNATORY OF THE PARIS
AGREEMENT AND THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCT ON VIET-NAM. IT IS ALSO AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF
THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. CONSEQUENTLY,
IT HAS FULL LEGAL COMPETENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF ALL
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTING THE
INY OF NATIONS. THE FACT THAT NO INVITATION
HAS BEEN SENT TO THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF
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THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED

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NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, IN WHICH ALL THE
VIET-NAMESE PARTIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE, IS TEREFORE NOT IN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM, IN
PARTICULAR, OR IN KEEPING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THE
AFORESAID GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL. ACCORDINGLY , THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM CONSIDERS
ITSELF UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE IN
QUESTION AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER NYLL AND VOID
ANY RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY BE ADOPTED THERE WHICH AFFECT THE
NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE VIET-NAMESE PEOPLE WITHOUT THE
PARTICIPATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM DEPLORES THIS DISCRIMINARY ACTION
ON THE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
NGUYEN DUY TRINH

B. CABLE DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1973 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CABLE OF 22
NOVEMBER CONCERNING THE INVITATION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE
SEA, AS ALSO YOUR STATATMENT TAHT, IN VIEW OF THE
FACT THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM HAS NOT BEEN INVITED, YOUR
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ITSELF UNABLE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. I AM ARRANGING FOR THE
REPRODUCTION OF THE TEXT OF YOUR CABLE, AND OF THIS CABLE
THAT I AM SENDING YOU IN REPLY, IN AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE ASSEMBLY.
KURT WALDHEIM

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